the responsibility of the State Government. For developing tourism activities in natural surroundings, Govt. provides funds for schemes such as mountaineering, trekking, camping, water sports, cycling, aero-sports, wild-life etc. During the last three years following amount have been released to State Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra towards the development of these activities;

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gujarat	12.00	8.00	12.48
Maharashtra	54.91	60.34	50.15

Order to debar travel agents from operating without proper licence

2318. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Territory Government of Delhi have issued a recent order which debars any travel agent from operating without obtaining a proper licence from its own department even if they are registered with the Union Ministry of Tourism;

(b) if so, what adverse effect this working is likely to have on the foreign exchange earnings and development of tourism industry; and

(c) what steps are being taken to solve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has drawn the attention of all Tour operators/Travel Agents/Excursion Agents operating in Delhi to obtain a licence under the provisions of Delhi Motor Vehicle Act & Rules framed thereunder.

(b) and (c) Attention of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been drawn to the Notification dated 10th August, 1993 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Surface Transport regarding Motor Vehicles (All India Permit for Tourist Transport Operators) Rules 1993 which states that Authorisation Certificates shall be issued by the concerned State Transport Authority only to the Tourist Transport Operators recognised by Department of Tourism, Government of India. The Central Ministry of Surface Transport have agreed to include Travel Agents and Tour Operators recognised by Department of Tourism in the definition of 'Tourist Transport Operators'. In view of this position, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi has been advised that licencing by them may not be necessary under Delhi Motor Vehicles Act.

Private Airlines to operate at AI Destinations

2319. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the destinations for which Air India has the traffic rights but does not fly;

(b) what are the steps taken to operate Air India flights to these destinations; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to allow the private airlines to fly to these destinations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The countries for which Air India has traffic rights but

does not operate are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Air India has not execised the traffic rights to these countries dut to commercial and operational reasons.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

Countries where Air India are having Traffic rights but are not Operating

1. Australia
2. Austria
3. Bangladesh
4. Belgium
5. Bhutan
6. Bulgaria
7. Burma (Myanmar)
8. China
9. Czechoslovakia
10. Egypt
11. Ethiopia
12. Fiji
13. Finland
14. Ghana
15. Hungary
16. Iran
17. Iraq
18. Ireland
19. Israel
20. Jordan
21. Kazakhstan
22. Lebanon
23. Lesotho
24. Nepal
25. Netherland
26. Nigeria
27. Philippines
28. Poland
29. Romania
30. Seychelles
31. South Korea
32. Spain
33. Sri Lanka
34. Syria
35. Tjjikistan
36. Turkey
37. Turkmenistan
38. Ukraine
39. Uzbekistan
40. Vietnam
41. Yemen (North)
42. Yemen (South)
43. Yugoslavia
44. Zimbabwe

Harassment of passengers at Airports

2320. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the *Minister of* CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the harassment of the passengers at the hands of the security staff at the airports;

(b) whether Government have since taken any steps to create an Aviation Security Force separately with well-trained officers equipped with sophisticated electronic equipments for pre-embarkation security checks; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As and when any specific complaint of harassment is received, the same is enquired into and appropriate action taken.

(b) and (c) Separate Aviation Security Force has not yet been created. However, training in behavioural aspects is imparted to police personnel performing aviation security duties from time to time.

Tuticorin Airport in Tamil Nadu

2321. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when the Airport at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu was opened;